

Steamboat *Sultana* waybill S2326

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Steamboat <i>Sultana</i> waybill
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Extent	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
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Historical Note

On April 27, 1865, the steamboat *Sultana* exploded and sank seven miles north of Memphis, Tennessee. Of the reported 2,300 passengers, more than 1,700 people died, among there number just-released Union prisoners of war. The *Sultana* disaster occurred just 18 days after the April 9, 1865 surrender of General Robert E. Lee, and 13 days after the April 14 assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. The *Sultana* was built in 1863 in Cincinnati, Ohio. After the U.S. Civil War, the *Sultana* and other steamboats were commissioned to transport Union solders at \$5 each from Vicksburg, Mississippi to Cairo, Illinois. The *Sultana* had docked at Memphis for coal, when a formerly repaired boiler exploded spreading fire throughout the ship. The event is often considered the worst maritime disaster in U.S. history. Source:

Ambrose, Stephen. "Remembering *Sultana*." *National Geographic News*, May 1, 2001. Accessed December 3, 2015. http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2001/05/0501_river5.html.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes an "original waybill of the good steamboat *Sultana*" from W.W. Hanly in Cincinnati, Ohio, on April 9, 1863 regarding the sale of the steamboat *Sultana*.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by subject.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Sultana (Steamboat).

Geographic Name(s)

- Mississippi River
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

Subject(s)

- River boats--Mississippi River
- Steamboats